AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the paragraph [0011] at page 5 with the following:

[0011] Turning now to Figure 1, various embodiments of the present invention described herein, among others, are generally directed to a protective garment 10 suitable to be worn on the upper part of a human body. The garment 10 has a collar 11, sleeves 16, and front opening 13. The protective garment 10 may be worn by a person while working in an elevated environment on, for example, a wooden or steel utility pole or other surface or while ascending or descending the surface. The protective garment 10 according to various embodiments of the present invention may comprise lightweight penetration resistant protective panels 12 stitched, sewn, laminated, or otherwise attached to breast portions 14 of the protective garment 10. The protective garment 10 also may comprise forearm portions or sleeves 16 that may include additional similar but separate and distinct lightweight penetration resistant protective panels 15 stitched, sewn, laminated, or otherwise attached to an inner surface of the forearm portion of each sleeve 16. (This is also shown in Figure 5.) The sleeved protective garment 10 may comprise coats, jackets, shirts, and the like. Each of the protective panels attached to the garment are separate and distinct to provide protection to particular body areas, while allowing for greater mobility of the

worker in climbing, descending, and performing detailed maintenance work; as well as greater comfort in various work environments. For example, a lightweight base fabric may be used for a garment intended to be worn in warmer weather, where the worker may be working for a prolonged duration out of doors. It will be apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art that the protective panels 12 and the separate protective panels 15 may be constructed of the same or similar materials, having the same or similar protective properties. References to the materials, construction, and protective properties of the protective panels 12 may be equally applied to the protective panels 15 for the purposes of this disclosure.